

21 August 1973

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Bernard L. BARKER

1. Barker was born in Havana, Cuba on 17 March 1917 of a native-born U.S. father and a Cuban mother. His birth was recorded at the U.S. Embassy and he was recognized as having acquired U.S. citizenship by birth through the citizenship of his father. He traveled, not on a U.S. passport, but on an identity card proclaiming his U.S. citizenship. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, was shot down on his 12th mission over Germany and was a prisoner of war for 16 months. He was honorably separated with the rank of Captain. In 1950, along with several Cuban-born U.S. citizens who were war veterans, he entered the Cuban police force, where his bilingual abilities soon brought him advancement.

2. Barker's relationship with CIA began in mid-1959 in Havana as the result of his position with the Cuban police force, under the Batista regime.

When Castro took power, Barker was expeditiously evacuated from Cuba and arrived in the Miami area in January 1960. As a result of his excellent record with CIA in Havana and favorable assessment by a senior CIA official in Miami in January 1960, Barker was hired under a contractual relationship with the CIA Miami office effective 4 April 1960 at the rate of

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5. Barker's contract termination

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At the time of his CIA termination, Barker wanted it to be made a matter of record that he would drop everything and rejoin CIA at a moment's notice in any capacity or salary level, if his services should ever be required again.

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6. While under CIA contract, Barker was a loyal and dedicated employee who responded without hesitation to various requirements placed upon him. He was totally committed to Agency objectives and provided CIA with valuable information during his contract tenure.

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